

40 Book Review In Search of the Light Brigade
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This book is an outstanding contribution to the history of the British Light Cavalry in the Crimean War (1854-1856). While participants in the 'Charge of the Light Brigade' are naturally prominent, the author has rightly described his work as: *A book to commemorate the services and sacrifices of all of the men of the five original regiments of the Light Brigade - in UK as well as the Crimean campaign*. It is available as a large, handsome and sturdy volume.

An informative Introduction (24 pp) with notes on entry formatting, etc., is followed by the _ best available biographical details of more than 5100 men, including 'Staff and Non-Regimental Personnel' (8 pp), '4th Light Dragoons' (93 pp), '8th Hussars' (91 pp), '11th Hussars' (102 pp), '13th Light Dragoons' (101 pp) and '17th Lancers' (108 pp).

The book continues with a comprehensive collection of Text Appendices (68 pp), including lists of Balaklava Commemoration Society Members, Attendees at the First Balaclava Banquet, Casualties POWs, Recipients of Medals from Queen Victoria, and, above all, an updated list of 'Chargers' Proven, Probable and Possible. A very fine Pictorial Appendix (46 pp) presents relevant maps, photographs (many very rare), lithographs and paintings. In total, this book includes no less than 77 Accounts : the 'Charge' and 22 Affidavits from the notorious 1863 Cardigan v. Calthorpe court case.

Far more than a dull compilation of biographies, this book offers a unique resource and insight into the military and social history of the mid-Victorian British Cavalry. Further, it provides an invaluable gateway for family, local history and other researchers. [This - and the author's companion publications on the '*Heavy Brigade*', ':': - are available from LULU.COM: Search "BOOKS" for "CRIDER"]. I strongly recommend all these works to interested parties.

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